production of Chanderi Sarees on large scale in Madhya Pradesh, the Central Government and the State Government have already taken up the following steps:

(i) The State Government is running a Handloom Training Centre at Chanderi to provide training to Weavers and give technical assistance in introduction of new designs. During this year, the Centre has provided 310 new designs to weavers.

(ii) The Weavers Service Centres functioning in Indore and Raigarh under the administrative control of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India are playing important role in evolving new designs matching to the requirement of domestic and foreign market.

(iii) The State Government is providing looms and accessories to Weavers at subsidised rate. 1392 number of looms and equipment have been given so far.

(iv) The State agencies like M.P. State Textile Corporation, M.P. Laghu Udyog Nigam and M.P. State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Federation are providing marketing support to Chanderi Industry by arranging sales in their emporia in State and outside the State and also by organising exhibitions.

Expenditure incurred by Chairman and Managing Director, B.I.C.L., Kanpur

2811. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of expenditure on account of travelling and other costs incurred by the Chairman and Managing Director of the British India Corporation Limited, Kanpur during the past 9 months;

(b) whether during the said period the company could not arrange for raw material paticularly for woollen mills for want of funds;

(c) whether legal expenses alongwith the travelling bills connected therewith have registered abnormally high cost compared to the relevant period during the past 3 years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken to order investigations in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) An expenditure of about Rs. 1.47 lakhs was incurred by the British India Corporation Limited on account of travelling and other incidentals for the Chairman and managing Director of the Company during the past 9 months.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Export of Textiles

2812. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the expected export of textiles for the current year and what it is's actual performance;

(b) what was the export of cotton, non-cotton textiles and garments during last two years and ad valorem earnings in terms of dollars and rupees and

(c) whether there is any quota restriction for imports of Indian textiles from European Common market and USA; if so, what are the counter measures undertaken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Against a target of Rs. 11,167 crores for export of textiles and clothing during 1991-92, exports during April 91-January 92 have amounted to Rs. 9169 crores (Provisional).

(b) Export of cotton and non-cotton textiles and garments during the last two

years in terms of Rupees and Dollars are as given below:

Year	Exports	
	In Rs. (Crores)	In US $ (Millions)
1989-90	6472	3887
1990-91	8366	4663

(c) Quotas for specified texitile and apparel products are negotiated bilaterally within the framework of multifibre arrangement. Therefore, the question of counter measures does not arise.

Eligible Workers under Rehabilitation fund Scheme

2813. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only around 25% workers of closed textile mills were found eligible for Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme and have got the benefit of T.W.R.F.S;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which others have not been awarded benefits;

(c) what is the number of workers eligible for T.W.R.F.S. as also the number of workers who have got benefit; and

(d) what is the amount of benefit and due amount for the country and Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) relief to the workers is given in respect of only those textile units which have either been formally closed or an Official Liquidator has been appointed. Besides, only those affected workers are eligible under the Scheme who have been continously employed for 5 years in a closed textile unit on the date of closure; are borne on the records of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner and whose wages per month should be equivalent to Rs. 1600/- only.

(c) The total number of workers eligible for assistance under TWRFS is 44,204. The number of workers who have got benefit under the Scheme is 21, 628 (as on 28th Feb.' 92).

(d) As on 28th Feb., 92:

(Amt. in Rs. crores)

Country/ State Govern- ment	Amount of Benefit (Disbursed)	Amount Due
For the Country	39.76	55.76
For Gujarat	25.00	54.88

Funds Provided to B.I.C.L., Kanpur

2814. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds provided by the I.D.B.I., I.F.C.I. in the past five years to the British India Corporation Limited, Kanpur;

(b) whether it is a fact that the company has been utilising the funds not in accordance with the programmes fixed by these institutions;

(c) whether the funds have also been used in carrying out litigations and unproductive expenses; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) 'Nil'.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Decline in Textiles Export

2815. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of fall as against the targeted exports of textiles at the end of 1991;

(b) what is the percentage of decline in textile exports in the Soviet market due to the recent political developments in U.S.S.R as also in the traditional western markets;

(c) what is the overall impact on the textile and handloom industry in the country as a result thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by the Government to push up the textile exports during the current year?